

Remarks

The Applicant has hereinabove provided amendments to the specification and claims. These amendments are proper, do not introduce new matter or narrow the scope of the claimed subject matter, and serve to place the application in better condition for examination.

The Restriction/Election Requirement mailed September 1, 2004 restricted the application to one of the following inventions:

GROUP I: Claims 1-13 and 18-20

GROUP II: Claims 14-17

In response, the Applicant hereby elects with traverse the invention of Group I, with claims 1-13 and 18-20 readable thereon. The Examiner identified Groups I and II as being related as combination/subcombination, and upheld the restriction on the basis that the combination (Group II) did not require the details of the subcombination (Group I), such as the flexible diaphragm in original claim 1.

The Applicant notes that the above amendments include an amendment to claim 14 to generally add a flexible diaphragm. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the restriction/election requirement is obviated and should be withdrawn. If the requirement is maintained, the Applicant further submits that claims 14-17 as now amended also read upon the invention of Group I.

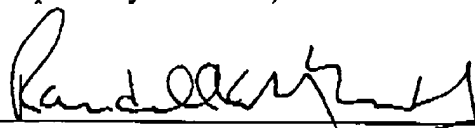
Examination of all of the elected claims is accordingly solicited.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed September 1, 2004.

Should any questions arise concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the below signed attorney.

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